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Implementation of the proposed action would involve the commitment of a range of natural, physical, human, and fiscal resources. The acquisition and use of land for the proposed improvements is considered an irreversible commitment during the period of the time that the land is used for a transportation facility. If a greater need arises for use of the land or if the roadway facility is no longer needed, the land could be converted to another use. At present, there is no reason to believe such a conversion would ever be necessary or desirable.

Considerable amounts of materials, labor, and energy would be expended during construction. These resources are generally not retrievable. Some of the materials, however, could be salvaged in the future when the life of the facility is completed and/or the facility is demolished. The resources used in the construction of the proposed facility are not in particularly short supply, and their use would not have an adverse effect on the continued availability of these resources.

Construction would require a substantial expenditure of both state and federal funds, which are not retrievable. Operation and maintenance of the proposed facility would also commit energy, human, and fiscal resources over the life of the roadway. The commitment of these resources is considered irretrievable.

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